Appointment of Phone Machanics by MTNL

3512. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an examination for the post of Phone Mechanics was conducted by the Delhi Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. in which nearly 2700 candidates were declared successful;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons, out of them who have been given appointment so far, alongwith those who are vet to be given appointment;

(c) whether it is a fact that the persons, who have not passed the examination phone mechanics are being paid of ppoting them as Phone Mecha-aics in Haryana and in several other States: if so, what are the reasons tor discrimination against the people of Delhi in this regard; and

(d) by when the persons, who have passed the said examination but have not been appointed so far, are likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. A Screening test for the post Phone Mechanics was conducted in which 2760 candidates were declared successful.

(b) None of the successful candidates out of the above number has been ap-pointed as Phone Mechanic so far.

(c) The information is being collected from all the circles and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Successful candidates will be ap-pointed as Phone Mechanics on completion of their training and subject to availability of posts.

Loss incurring Telephone Exchanges in Uttar Pradesh

3513. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA Will the Minister of COMMUNICA TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many telephone exchanges in Uttar Pradesh are running in huge losses due to unaccounted STD calls made by the employees of the Telephone Nigam, particularly in hill districts ot the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also aware that Telephone exchange in Pauri, Distric,. Pauri Garhwal is running huge losses at the tune of Rs. 30 lakh and STD facilities are being stopped there due to this loss;

(dl if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken against the guilty persons involved in the case and whether the STD facilities would be available to the Subscribers; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (STIRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

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3514. **श्री कमर्कासह मोहन सिह मंगरोला** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को देश में गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान टेलीफोन उपकरणों की चोरी के मामलों की जानकारी मिली है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका मंडल-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने इन मामलों में अंतर्ग्रस्त पाए गए कर्मचारियों/अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाई की है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।